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# GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
## ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in calling tenders to the works sanctioned under SDRF Grant of SPSR Nellore District- Disciplinary action initiated under Rule 9 (2)(b)(i) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District (Retired on 30.09.2017) duly framing charges under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Charge not proved in inquiry report dt:12.05.2022 - Representation - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.465** **Dated:09.08.2023.**

Read the following :

1).From the DG, V&E, Vigilance Report No.40 (C.No.675/V&E/E/2017), Dated: 20.05.2021.
2).G.O.Ms.No. 68, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dated: 27.09.2021.
3).G.O.Rt.No. 509, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dated: 27.09.2021.
4).From ENC, PR, Letter No.Vig.III(1)/947/2021, dt:07.12.2023 along with the written statement of defence dt:12.11.2021 of Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then EE, PR, PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District.
5).G.O.Rt.No. 32, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dated: 25.01.2022.
6).From Chief Engineer, Vig.& QC, O/o the ENC, PR and Inquiry Authority, Letter.No.CE/QC5/VQC/107/NLR/2022, Dated: 12.05.2022.
7). Govt. Memo.No.1494023/Vig.II/2021-2, PR&RD(Vig.II) Dept., dated:17.11.2022.
8). Representation dt:07.02.2023 of Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then EE, PR, PIU Division, Nellore & retired SE, PR, SPSR Nellore District.

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**ORDER**

Based on the Vigilance Report dt:20.05.2021 relating to the allegations of irregularities in calling tenders to the works sanctioned under SDRF Grant of SPSR Nellore District against Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District (Retired on 30.09.2017), Government vide reference 2nd read above, have accorded sanction under Rule 9 (2) (b) (i) of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District (Retd.). Accordingly, the following article of charge has been framed against

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him under Rule 20 of AP Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide reference 3rd read, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge:

That Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District (now retired on 30.09.2017), has committed irregularities "in calling tenders to the works sanctioned under SDRF Grant of SPSR Nellore District that (i) he has finalized tender for two works without publishing tender notice in the News papers and (ii) he has finalized tender for 37 number of works costing in between Rs.5.00 Lakhs and Rs.10.00 Lakhs on box system rather than e-procurement and kept the tender box in his office only instead of 3 places which appears to have lessened the competition among the participating tenders". Hence, the charge.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in Chief, Panchayt Raj, has furnished the written statement of defence dt:07.12.2021 of the charged officer Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer and retired as Superintending Engineer (PR) to Government for taking further action in the matter.

3. Government have not satisfied with the written statement defence submitted by charged officer and decided to conduct a regular inquiry into the matter against the charged officer Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District (Retd.). Accordingly, in the reference 5th read above, Government have appointed the Chief Engineer, Vig.& QC, O/o. the Engineer-in Chief, Panchayat Raj, as the Inquiring Authority under Rule 20 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer in the matter.

4. In the reference 6th read above, Chief Engineer, Vig.& QC, O/o. the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj & Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report dt:12.05.2022, wherein the Inquiry Officer has held that charges framed against the charged officer Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, are not held proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, as per Rule 21 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for his representation, if any on the findings of the inquiry report

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6. In the reference 8th read above, the charged officer Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District and retired Superintending Engineer (PR) has submitted his representation dt:07.02.2023 stating that as per the findings of Inquiry Report that the charges framed against him are not proved and he has requested the Government to drop the charges framed against him, since he was retired 6 ½ years back.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby drop further action against Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District (Retired) in the matter, as the charges are not held proved against him.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada, shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
Sri S. Damodara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PR. PIU Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District and retired as S.E(PR) **through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada

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